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Mr. J. E. Garry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Jack Ruby
By Forrest V. Sorrells

Sir:

At approximately 11:30 A.M., November 24, 1963 Chief J. E. Garry approached me just outside his office and instructed me to escort Mr. Forrest V. Sorrells to the Fifth Floor Jail for the purpose of Mr. Sorrells interviewing Mr. Jack Ruby about his shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy.

I was present throughout the interview and overheard the following questions asked of Ruby by Mr. Sorrells. After Sorrells introduced himself as a Secret Service Agent he asked Ruby why he had shot Oswald. Ruby stated he had thought about this for two days and decided it was senseless to have a long and lengthy trial and subject Mrs. Kennedy to having to return to Dallas for it.

Mr. Sorrells asked Ruby if he knew Oswald and he said, "No, there is no acquaintance or connection between Oswald and myself."

Sorrells then questioned Ruby about his heritage and Ruby told him that his father was born in Birmingham his mother was born in England.

Sorrells asked Ruby if he had thought or planned to kill Oswald and Ruby stated he first thought of killing him when he observed Oswald in the shrimp room two nights prior. He stated the thought came to him when he observed the sarcastic sneer on Oswald's face when he was on the shrimp stage. He stated that when he saw Oswald on that night he thought it would be ridiculous to have a trial for him when he knew the results would be the death penalty, since Oswald had killed the President and Officer Tippit.

Ruby also stated that he and his sister were very emotional people and that his sister had just gotten out of the hospital and she also was taking this hard, and that with the facts of the incidents already known to him was the motivation for his shooting Oswald. Ruby then stated some words to the effect, "I also want the world to know that from the very start."

Ruby's answers and appearance throughout the interview appeared rational to me with the exception to tears in his eyes when he referred to President Kennedy.

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This interview was conducted in the outside corridor of the jail cells on the fifth floor city jail approximately five to ten minutes after the shooting of Gould.

Respectfully submitted,

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